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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: YACHT FRI

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. GORDON MOODIE, FATHER OF FRI OWNER DAVID MOODIE,
CALLED DEPT. RE NEW DEVELOPMENTS FRI CASE. MOODIE SAID
HE HAS LEARNED FOLLOWING FROM NEW ZEALAND GROUP "PEACE
MEDIA": FRI AND SPIRIT OF PEACE SET SAIL FOR RAROTONGA
BUT CREW BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT SEAWORTHINESS OF FRI AND
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DECIDED PUT INTO TAHITI FOR REPAIRS. PRESUMABLY THIS

JUDGMENT IS IN PART RESULT OF MOTOR EXPLOSION REPORTED REFTEL. MOODIE SR. IS CONVINCED SON INTENDED SAIL RAROTONGA. FRI REQUESTED PERMISSION ENTER PAPEETE FOR REPAIRS. FRENCH VESSEL INSPECTED FRI SOME 20-30 MILES OFF SHORE, DECIDED IT SEAWORTHY AND DENIED PERMISSION PROCEED PAPEETE.

2. ACCORDING MOODIE'S INFORMATION, FRI AND SPIRIT OF PEACE PRESENTLY TIED TOGETHER SOME 10 MILES OFF PAPEETE. THOUGH FRENCH REFUSING PERMIT BOAT ENTER PAPEETE, CREWS HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION COME ASHORE. HOWEVER, WE NOTE AFP DISPATCH OF 8/12 WHICH INDICATES CREWS OF BOTH VESSELS CONSIDERED "UNDESIRABLE PERSONS" IN TAHITI.

3. KEY QUESTION AT MOMENT IS TO ESTABLISH SEAWORTHINESS OF FRI. WE HAVE ASKED COAST GUARD ASCERTAIN STATUS.

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